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Gladiolus Seed Sale!

For the first time in our eighteen years of hybridizing, we are offering Gladiolus Seed for sale. Fresh seed of our 1953 crop will be available in August and September, and will consist of a grand mixture of hand-crossed and open-pollinated seed. None will be labeled, and no parentages can be given, but it will be the same high-quality seed which we ourselves plant. Some will be from hand-pollinated crosses which develop in too small quantities for us to plant separately; some will be open-pollinated seed gathered from excellent seed parents in our extensive planting of newer varieties and selected seedlings. Large flowers, tall stems, and ruffled florets will predominate in all parent varieties used.

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Will you be the fortunate one to select another Columbia, Boise Belle, Divinity, White Goddess, Vision, or Bermuda from our seed? These and dozens of other fine varieties of ours and other hybridizers, plus superior selected seedlings will be used as seed parents. Our trial garden is one of the finest in the country. It includes, in addition to hundreds of the newer named varieties and thousands of our own seedlings, the Hybridizers' Test Group seedlings, the N.A.G.C. Trial Grounds, and the All-America Gladiolus Selections trials. We will be making hundreds of exciting crosses this summer!

While only a very small percentage of seedlings from even the best parent varieties will be worth naming or introducing, you are bound to get many unusual, interesting, and beautiful glads from our seed that are entirely different from anything seen before. If one were to grow a million seedlings, no two would be exactly alike! Remember, also, that if you do select a seedling that is good enough and different enough to introduce as a named variety, you will be the originator—not the person who made the actual cross.

Delivery of seed will be made in the fall. Please order early to be sure of your supply.

Prepaid Prices: 125 seeds, \$3.00
 250 seeds, \$5.00

Cash with order; minimum order \$3.00. No orders accepted after September 30, 1953. Since it seems likely that our seed supply will be exhausted before that date, we urge early ordering to avoid disappointment.

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Growing Glads from Seeds

Gladiolus seeds may be planted either indoors in the fall, or outside in the spring. If spring-planted, do not plant until the ground is fairly warm; the middle or latter part of April is all right, or even early May in northern sections. Of course, you can plant much earlier in the southern states, or if a hot-bed or coldframe is used.

Plant the seeds in a shallow trench in well-prepared ground (no fertilizer is needed in good garden soil), and cover them with about a half-inch of soil, or a mixture of soil and peat moss. Though not every seed will germinate, do not plant too thickly; two or three seeds per square inch will give them room to develop properly. The seeds will begin coming up in about 18 or 20 days, and it is important not to let the ground dry out at any time until the young plants are well established.

For fall planting indoors, the same general planting instructions apply; either flats or pots may be used. Keep the soil damp (but not too wet) at all times. Fall-planted seeds can be gradually dried off and dug by February. The resulting tiny bulbs may be held in a cool place until spring, then planted outdoors. Many of the plants will bloom the same year when handled this way, though not with as large flowers or as tall stems as they will have in later years. Digging is done in the fall, and the seedling bulbs are handled and stored the same as any other glad bulbs.

COUPON FOR ORDERING SEED

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For the enclosed remittance send me:

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